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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

The timely submission under 37 CFR 1.129(a) filed on June 27, 2008 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because the response indicates that claims 1-3, 5-7, 10-11, 13, 19-20, 23, 29, 31, 35, 37-38, 40, 43-44, 47-48, 50-54, 56, 58, 65, and 69-75 were canceled and new claims 76-114 were added. However, in the set of claims filed with the response, previously presented claims 1-3, 5-7, 10-11, 13, 19-20, 23, 29, 31, 35, 37-38, 40, 43-44, 47-48, 50-54, 56, 58, 65, and 69-75 were not indicated as cancelled. Since the submission appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to provide a complete reply to the prior Office action, applicant is given a shortened statutory period of ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the mailing date of this letter, whichever is longer, to submit a complete reply. This shortened statutory period supersedes the time period set in the prior Office action. This time period may be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a). If a notice of appeal and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) were filed prior to or with the payment of the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(r), the payment of the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(r) by applicant is construed as a request to dismiss the appeal and to continue prosecution under 37 CFR 1.129(a). The appeal stands dismissed.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LAUREN ROBINSON whose telephone number is (571)270-3474. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday 6am to 4pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carol Chaney can be reached on 571-2721284. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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